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Ms. Leslie Durham
103 Washington Street
St. Joseph, Louisiana 71366

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-731

Dear Ms. Durham:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its August 19, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether you, a members of the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board, are required to file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1. The Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board was created by statute as a special authority to direct the operation and management of community-based programs and services relative to mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive disorders services, including Early Childhood Supports and Services, and the Regional Transition Program.

The Board is managed by an Executive Director. The Executive Director must submit a financial report to the board monthly. In the By-Laws, it provides that the board must approve requests which allocate the expenditure of \$10,000 or more on a single program within a 12 month period. Although some authority for financial expenditures has been delegated, the Executive Director is still accountable to the board.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the members of the Northeast Delta Human Services Authority Board are required to file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1. **La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1** requires financial disclosure for each member and designee of a board or commission which has the authority to expend, disburse or invest \$10,000 or more of funds in a fiscal year on or before May 15th of each year during which the person holds office and the year following termination of the holding of such office.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Tracy M. Barker
For the Board